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**SELF CONTAINED LUBRICANT DISPENSER****RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a \_\_\_\_\_ of US Application serial number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_

5 \_\_\_\_\_.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

While larger vehicle maintenance and service facilities have a number of options for automated metered dispensing of fluids, smaller facilities performing relatively few daily oil changes (e.g. 5) have less choice. In such applications, lubricants may be dispensed by (1) pouring from quart/liter containers; (2) hand pumping from a bulk container; or (3) filling a bucket or other container with the desired quantity of lubricant and then pouring from that container into the vehicle.

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a portable integrated oil dispensing unit primarily for use in auto repair shops and low volume service stations where low volume, infrequent fluid dispense is desired.

Towards this end, the integrated design incorporates a dispense valve, a meter, a hose, an AC powered electric pump, power cord and adjustable fluid suction tube, all packaged in one portable unit.. The unit is capable of dispensing fluids such as standard SAE grade automotive motor oils, automatic transmission fluid, gear lube, hydraulic oil and engine coolant (antifreeze) The pump motor will shut down at completion of dispense; and emergency shut-off to be provided

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will appear more fully from the following description made in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein like reference characters refer to the same or similar parts throughout the several views.

### A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a schematic view of the lubricant dispenser of the instant invention.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The instant invention, generally designated 10, is comprised of a flow meter 1 in conjunction with a pump 2. In the preferred embodiment, these two elements are combined wherein pump 2 is of the gerotor type and the flow meter 2 is formed by locating a Hall Effect sensor in the gerotor housing so as to count the pulses generated by movement of the gerotor teeth due to flow therethrough. A DC motor 3 drives pump 2 through a gearbox 12 to reduce the rpm level. Dispenser 10 is designed for mounting on a

bulk fluid container 4 and has a suction tube 5 depending downwardly into container 4. A portable base 6 may be provided. Dispensing hose 7 leads to dispense valve 8 which has a display 8a thereon to indicate the amount dispensed. A hose reel 11 or hose rack (for winding up hose) is desirably incorporated into the unit 10. Flow meter 1 transmits  
5 volume dispense information to display 8a either via a wireless link or through one or more wires incorporated into hose 7.

For operation, all the operator need do is insert suction tube 5 into container 4 and place unit 10 on top of container 4. After plugging in the unit, it is ready to dispense. The unit first has to be primed, that is, by opening the dispense valve 8 until fluid flows from  
10 valve 8. At that point, flow meter 1 will read the amount dispensed. The flow meter/display combination and associated control electronics are also capable of performing preset dispense, that is, a desired amount (e.g. 5 quarts) is designated by the operator and the unit ceases dispensing when that amount has been dispensed.

It is contemplated that various changes and modifications may be made to the  
15 lubricant dispenser without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the following claims.

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A dispenser for dispensing lubricants and the like from a bulk container, said dispenser comprising:
  - a motor;
  - 5 a pump driven by said motor;
  - a flow meter incorporated into said pump;
  - a suction tube depending into said bulk container from said pump;
  - a dispense valve; and
  - a dispense hose connecting said pump and said dispense valve.
- 10 2. The dispenser of claim 1 further comprising a display on said dispense valve for the amount of fluid dispensed, said display being in communication with said flow meter.
3. The dispenser of claim 1 further comprising a hose storage device..
4. The dispenser of claim 3 wherein said hose storage device is a hose reel.



**ABSTRACT**

An integrated design for dispensing lubricants and similar fluids from bulk containers incorporates a dispense valve, a meter, a hose, a DC powered electric pump, power cord and adjustable fluid suction tube, all packaged in one portable unit.. The unit  
5 is capable of dispensing fluids such as standard SAE grade automotive motor oils, automatic transmission fluid, gear lube, hydraulic oil and engine coolant (antifreeze) The pump motor will shut down at completion of dispense; and emergency shut-off to be provided.

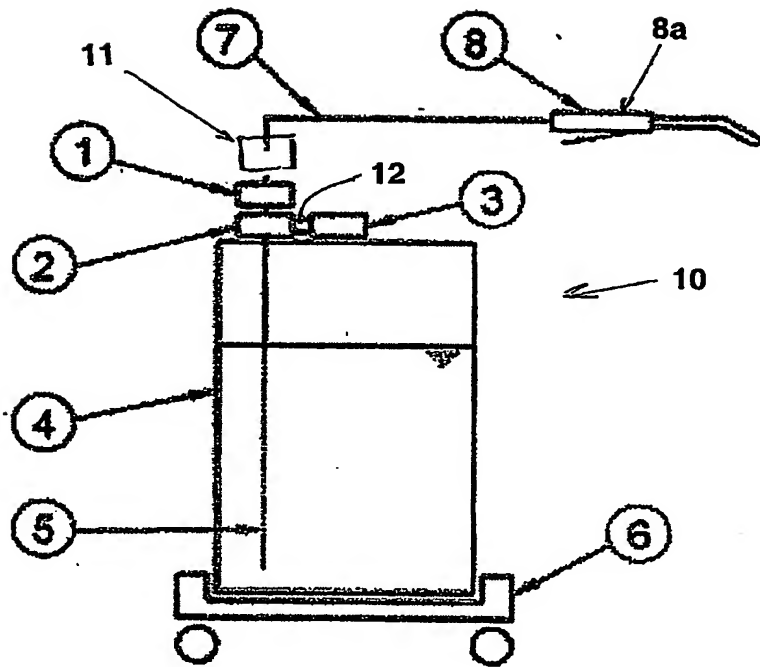


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